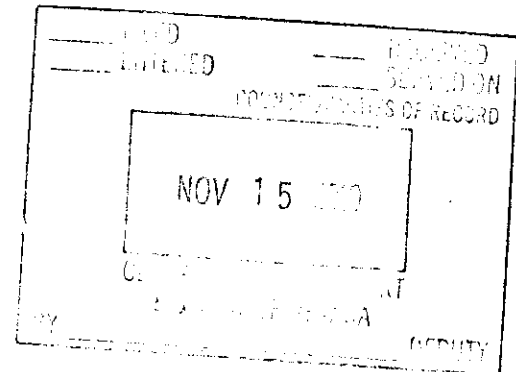


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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
 DISTRICT OF NEVADA

JANET HANIFAN,

Plaintiff,

vs.

REGENT CARE OPERATIONS, L.P. dba  
 REGENT CARE CENTER OF RENO,

Defendant.

Case No. 3:10-cv-00559-ECR-VPC

**PROPOSED STIPULATED PROTECTIVE  
 ORDER**

In order to protect the confidentiality of confidential information obtained by the parties in connection with this case, particularly the protected health information (including testimony, medical and psychological records) of residents of Defendant's which are relevant to this action, the parties hereby agree as follows:

1. Any party or non-party may designate as "confidential" (by stamping the relevant page or other otherwise set forth herein) any document or response to discovery which that party or non-party considers in good faith to contain information involving trade

1 secrets, protected health information or confidential business or financial information,  
2 subject to protection under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure or Nevada law  
3 ("Confidential Information"). Where a document or response consists of more than one  
4 page, the first page and each page on which confidential information appears shall be so  
5 designated. The parties hereby stipulate that protected health information is deemed  
6 Confidential Information and subject to the protections in this Stipulated Protective Order  
7 regardless of whether the procedure outlined above for identifying such documents as  
8 confidential is followed. Documents including protected health information shall be  
9 redacted as follows: 1) there shall be no references to residents by their full name; 2)  
10 residents shall be referred to by their initials.

11         2. A party or non-party may designate information disclosed during a deposition  
12 or in response to a written discovery as "confidential" by so indicating in said response or  
13 on the record at the deposition and requesting the preparation of a separate transcript of  
14 such material. Additionally a party or non-party may designate in writing, within twenty  
15 (20) days after receipt of said responses or of the deposition transcript for which the  
16 designation is proposed, that specific pages of the transcript and/or specific responses to  
17 be treated as "confidential" information. Any other party may object to such proposal, in  
18 writing or on the record. Upon such objection, the parties shall follow the procedures  
19 described in paragraph 8 below. After any designation made according to the procedure  
20 set forth in this paragraph, the designated documents or information shall be treated  
21 according to the designation until the matter is resolved according to the procedures  
22 described in paragraph 8 below, and counsel for all parties shall be responsible for making  
23 all previously unmarked copies of the designated material in their possession or control  
24 with the specified with the specified designation. The parties hereby stipulate that  
25 protected health information disclosed during the course of a deposition is deemed  
26 Confidential Information and subject to the protections in this Stipulated Protective Order  
27 regardless of whether the procedure outlined above for identifying such documents as  
28 confidential is followed.

1           3. All information produced or exchanged in the course of this case (other than  
2 information that is publicly available) shall be used by the party or parties to whom the  
3 information is produced solely for the purpose of this case.

4           4. Except with the prior written consent of other parties, or upon prior order of  
5 this Court obtained upon notice to opposing counsel, Confidential Information shall not be  
6 disclosed to any person other than:

7               (a) counsel for the respective parties to this litigation, including in-house  
8 counsel and co-counsel retained for this litigation;

9               (b) employees of such counsel;

10              (c) individual defendants, class representatives, any officer or employee of  
11 a party, to the extent deemed necessary by Counsel for the prosecution or defense of this  
12 litigation;

13              (d) consultants or expert witnesses retained for the prosecution or defense  
14 of this litigation, provided that each such person shall execute a copy of the Certification  
15 annexed to this Order as Exhibit "A" (which shall be retained by counsel to the party so  
16 disclosing the Confidential Information and made available for inspection by opposing  
17 counsel during the pendency or after the termination of the action only upon good cause  
18 shown and upon order of the Court) before being shown or given any Confidential  
19 Information and provided that if the party chooses a consultant or expert, the party shall  
20 notify the opposing party, or designating nonparty, before disclosing any Confidential  
21 Information to that individual and shall give the opposing party an opportunity to move for  
22 a protective order preventing or limiting such disclosure;

23              (e) any authors or recipients of the Confidential Information;

24              (f) the Court, Court personnel, and court reporters; and

25              (g) witnesses (other than persons described in paragraph 4(e)). A witness  
26 shall sign the Certification before being shown a confidential document. Confidential  
27 Information may be disclosed to a witness who will not sign the Certification only in a  
28 deposition at which the party who designated the Confidential Information is represented

1 or has been given notice that Confidential Information shall be designated "Confidential"  
2 pursuant to paragraph 2 above. Witnesses shown Confidential Information shall not be  
3 allowed to retain copies.

4 5. Any persons receiving Confidential Information shall not reveal or discuss  
5 such information to or with any person who is not entitled to receive such information,  
6 except as set forth herein.

7 6. No party or non-party shall file or submit for filing as part of the court record  
8 any documents under seal without first obtaining leave of court. The parties stipulate that  
9 any documents or deposition transcripts which include, disclose or discuss protected health  
10 information may be filed by either party under seal. The Court hereby grants leave to the  
11 parties to file any court documents containing protected health information under seal  
12 without further order by the Court.

13 7. A party may designate as "Confidential" documents or discovery materials  
14 produced by a non-party by providing written notice to all parties of the relevant document  
15 numbers or other identification within thirty (30) days after receiving such documents or  
16 discovery materials. Any party or non-party may voluntarily disclose to others without  
17 restriction any information designated by that party or non-party as confidential, although  
18 a document may lose its confidential status if it is made public.

19 8. If a party contends that any material is not entitled to confidential treatment,  
20 such party may at any time give written notice to the party or non-party who designated  
21 the material. The party or non-party who designated the material shall have twenty-five  
22 (25) days from the receipt of such written notice to apply to the Court for an order  
23 designating the material as confidential. The party or non-party seeking the order has the  
24 burden of establishing that the document is entitled to protection.

25 9. Notwithstanding any challenge to the designation of material as Confidential  
26 Information, all documents shall be treated as such and shall be subject to the provisions  
27 hereof unless and until one of the following occurs:

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1 (a) the party or non-party claims that the material is Confidential  
2 Information withdraws such designation in writing; or

3 (b) the party or non-party claims that the material is Confidential  
4 Information fails to apply to the Court for an order designating the material confidential  
5 within the time period specified above after receipt of a written challenge to such  
6 designation; or

7 (c) the Court rules the material is not confidential.

8 10. All provisions of this Order restricting the communication or use of  
9 Confidential Information shall continue to be binding after the conclusion of this action,  
10 unless otherwise agreed or ordered. Upon conclusion of the litigation, a party in the  
11 possession of Confidential Information, other than that which is contained in pleadings,  
12 correspondence, and deposition transcripts, shall either (a) return such documents no later  
13 than thirty (30) days after conclusion of this action to counsel for the party or non-party  
14 who provided such information, or (b) destroy such documents within the time period upon  
15 consent of the party who provided the information and certify in writing within thirty (30)  
16 days that the documents have been destroyed.

17 11. The terms of this Order do not preclude, limit, restrict, or otherwise apply to  
18 the use of documents at trial. The Court will make further orders pertaining to the use of  
19 protected health information to be used at trial which protect the residents' privacy rights.

20 12. Nothing herein shall be deemed to waive any applicable privilege or work  
21 product protection, or to affect the ability of a party to seek relief for an inadvertent  
22 disclosure of material protected by privilege or work product protection.

23 13. Any witnesses or other person, firm or entity from which discovery is sought  
24 may be informed of and may obtain the protection of this Order by written advice to the  
25 parties' respective counsel or by oral advice at the time of any deposition or similar  
26 proceeding.

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**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify my understanding that Confidential Information is being provided to me pursuant to the terms and restrictions of the Protective Order dated \_\_\_\_\_, in Hanifan v. Regent Care Operations, L.P., Case No.: 3:10-cv-00559-ECR-VPC. I have been given a copy of that order and read it. I agree to be bound by the order. I will not reveal the Confidential Information to anyone, except as allowed by the Order. I will maintain all such Confidential Information – including copies, notes, or other transcriptions made therefrom – in a secure manner to prevent unauthorized access to it. No later than thirty (30) days after the conclusion of this action, I will return the Confidential Information – including copies, notes or other transcriptions made therefrom – to the counsel who provided me with the Confidential Information. I hereby consent to the jurisdiction of the United State District Court for the purpose of enforcing the Protective order.

Dated: November 11, 2010

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/s/  
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IT IS SO ORDERED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2010.

  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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